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REMARKS

Claims 1-13 remain pending in this application for which applicant seeks reconsideration.

Amendment

The specification (page 15) has been amended to correct the phrase "vibrator or vibrato." Claims 2-6 and 8-13 have been amended to improve their form. Note that the preamble of claims 12 and 13 has been changed to a computer-readable storage device. All the changes to the claims are directed to improving the form of the claims, not narrowing their scope. No new matter has been introduced.

Drawing Objection

The examiner objected to the drawings because references 401a-401f of Fig. 9 are not mentioned in the specification. Applicant submits that these references are disclosed on page 27, the first full paragraph, with respect to Fig. 8. Since Fig. 9 includes the same references, their description need not be repeated.

Art Rejection

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Nakata (USP 5,085,116). Applicant traverses this rejection because Nakata would not have disclosed or taught displaying additional attribute data indicative of attributes other than the fundamental attribute data (i.e., pitch and sounding period of a note).

Independent claims 1, 7, 12, and 13 each call for displaying, for each of the plurality of note data, a pictorial figure or symbol indicative of contents of the fundamental attribute data included in the note data and a letter, numeral, symbol or pictorial figure indicative of contents of the additional attribute data included in the note data simultaneously in proximity to each other or at a position specified on the basis of the time data included in the note data. As claimed each of the note data includes (a) fundamental attribute data composed of pitch data indicative of a pitch of a sound and sounding period data indicative of a sounding period of the sound, and (b) a plurality of types of additional attribute data indicative of attributes other than the pitch and sounding period of the sound.

In contrast to the examiner's understanding, although Nakata discloses storing the additional attribute data, it does not disclose displaying such data. Nakata only displays the

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fundamental attribute data. As Nakata does not disclose or teach displaying the additional attribute data, Nakata would not have anticipated or rendered the claims obvious.

Conclusion

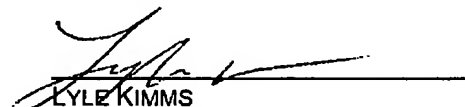
Applicant submits that claims 1-13 patentably distinguish over the applied reference and are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicant urges the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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